

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2169 - HB 2778

February 16, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a hospital to allow a resident, during end-of-life situations, to have least one patient representative who meets certain criteria present in periods in which a disaster, emergency, or public health emergency for COVID-19 has been declared.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under the proposed legislation, patient representative is defined as a family member or other individual who acts on behalf of the patient in order to support decision-making, access information for or from the hospital, manage financial matters, or receive notifications.
- A patient representative must not, by their presence in the hospital, violate any federal or state law, rule, or guidance regulating the hospital.
- Any cost associated with ensuring patient representatives meet certain requirements and protocols is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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